

COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Regular session of the Lackawanna City Council met in the Council Chambers, Council President Annette Iafallo presiding. The meeting was preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Annette Iafallo.

Meeting called to order

NB: Meeting being recorded

Roll Call: Council: Present: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Iafallo

Dept. Heads: Present: Law, Development, Comptroller, Public Safety, Public Works,
Excused: Recreation

Approval of Minutes: of regular meeting of December 3, 2018

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Noman to adopt minutes of regular meeting of December 3, 2018 as written
Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Iafallo Carried 5-0

Departmental Reports:

1. **City Comptroller-** A/P Check Listing #19, November 29, 2018
2. **City Comptroller-** A/P Check Listing #20, December 6, 2018
3. **City Treasurer-**Total receipts deposited into the General Fund for November 2018
4. **City Clerk-**Monthly Revenue Report for November 2018

Moved by Jaworski seconded by Iafallo to receive and file departmental reports one thru four
Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Iafallo Carried 5-0

Communications from the Council:

Traffic Lights-Ridge Road/Ingham/Steelawanna

5. To: City Council

I am requesting the City contact Connie Minor, Masiello, Martucci, Calabrese & Associates lobbyist group and the City grant writers to explore funding for traffic lights to be installed at the following locations:

Ridge Road and Ingham Avenue

Ridge Road and Steelawanna

I would appreciate the support of my fellow council members.

ABDUSALAM NOMAN-1ST WARD COUNCIL MEMBER

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Surdyke to **TABLE** request pending additional information
Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Jaworski Carried 5-0

Stop Signs-Steelawanna & Olcott

6. To: City Council

I have requested that the City Attorney draft an ordinance to erect a stop sign on Steelawanna and Olcott Street. I would like to have this ordinance on the agenda for Council approval at the December 17, 2018 council meeting.

ABDULSALAM NOMAN-1ST WARD COUNCIL MEMBER

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Jaworski to **TABLE** request pending additional information

Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Iafallo

Carried 5-0

Communications from Department/Division Heads:

Engineering-Consulting Fees

7. To: City Council

Tony DeSantis and I are requesting to transfer funds from budget code A.1900.1990 Special Items-Contingent Account to cover the Engineering Consulting fees for the various projects for the City which includes but not limited to Bethlehem Park Paving, Route 5 Paving, Galanti Trail Project and the paving at the Memorial Parking Lot.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

CAROLYN NICOMETO-CITY COMPROLLER

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Schultz to receive and file, act on ordinance

Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Iafallo

Carried 5-0

(7. A) Budget Transfer-Engineering

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018-2019 BUDGET ORDINANCES ADOPTED JUNE 12, 2018

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Lackawanna, New York as follows:

SECTION 1. That the 2018-2019 Budget Ordinance adopted June 12, 2018 is hereby amended to increase appropriations for Engineering-Consulting Fees and decrease appropriations for Special Items-Contingent Account

SECTION 2. That the 2018-2019 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to add \$35,000.00 to budget code A.1440.469 Engineering-Consulting Fees

SECTION 3. That the 2018-2019 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to appropriate \$35,000.00 of budget Code A.1900.1990 Special Items-Contingent Account

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

Moved by Jaworski seconded by Iafallo to adopt ordinance as written

Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Iafallo

Carried 5-0

Purchase Offer-281 Ridge Road

8. To: City Council

My office has received an offer from Traditional Real Estate Inc. in the amount of \$500 to purchase the vacant property located at 281 Ridge Rd. This vacant parcel was originally part of 277 Ridge Rd. before the

bank foreclosure in October 2009. This parcel is needed in order to rehabilitate the property at 277 Ridge Rd.

Currently the driveway and part of the garage is on the 281 Ridge Rd. property. It is in the best interest of the city to sell this parcel to Traditional Real Estate Inc. The property can then be rehabilitated, returned to the tax rolls and remove an eye sore from Ridge Road.

Therefore, it is my recommendation that the City Council **approve** the sale of 281 Ridge Road to Traditional Real Estate Inc. in the amount of \$500.

For further information, please contact the Assessor's Office.

FRANK E KRAKOWSKI-CITY ASSESSOR

Moved by Noman seconded by lafallo to receive and file, act on ordinance-277 Ridge Rd. to be inspected & code compliant or 288 Ridge Rd. reverts back to the City in one year

Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, lafallo

Carried 5-0

(8. A) Sale of 281 Ridge

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE/TRANSFER OF PROPERTY PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE
CHAPTER 12**

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Lackawanna, New York as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City Council hereby approves of the transfer of the property known as SBL 141.44-1-8.11 281 Ridge Rd. parcel of approximately 30 x 170 a vacant parcel, to Traditional Real Estate Inc.

SECTION 2. That transfer is made for the sum of \$500 in cash to the City of Lackawanna

SECTION 3. That the purchaser/transferee shall be responsible for expenses related to the transfer other than those specifically belonging to the City of Lackawanna

SECTION 4. That the Law Department shall prepare documents to be executed for the transfer of the Property

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

Moved by lafallo seconded by Noman to adopt ordinance as amended

Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, lafallo

Carried 5-0

B. A. R. Member

9. To: City Council

Chapter 193, Section 523 of the Real Property Tax Law was amended effective October 1, 1986. The law states that the Board of Assessment review members serve for a staggered term of (5) five years commence on October 1 and expire on September 30.

Please be advised that the term of Thomas Burke, Member of the Boards of Assessment review has expired on **September 30, 2018.**

I ask that your Honorable Body make an appointment to the Board of Assessment review no later than December 18, 2018 and transmit a certified copy (s) to all parties involved.

FRANK E KRAKOWSKI-CITY ASSESSOR

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Surdyke to appoint Thomas Burke to the Assessment and Review Board term to expire 09/30/23

Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Iafallo

Carried 5-0

Bids on AFG Grant Equipment

10. To: City Council

I have reviewed the bids for the equipment specified in the AFG grant we received. I recommend the bids be awarded to the following companies:

Section #1. First Out Rescue, 100 Ensminger Rd., Tonawanda-	\$34,583.00
Section #2. E-One, 4760 Camp Rd., Hamburg-	\$ 7,123.92
Section #3. LION, 7200 Poe Ave., Dayton, Ohio-	\$ 2,305.00
Section #4. E-One, 4760 Camp Rd., Hamburg-	\$ 1,618.75
Section #5. E-One, 4760 Camp Rd., Hamburg-	\$ 5,134.26

The bid for Section #1 is the lowest for the hose we selected as best for the department. Bids on the other sections were lowest bid for the item specified. Ninety-five percent of this purchase is being reimbursed through the 2017 Assistance to firefighter's Grant award.

(Complete bid packet for reference on the equipment in each section is on file with City Clerk)

RALPH GALANTI-FIRE CHIEF

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Surdyke to approve request

Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Iafallo

Carried 5-0

Waive Rules:

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Surdyke to waive the rules

Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Iafallo

Carried 5-0

Fire Department-Award Contract-Fire Pumper

To: City Council

The truck committee has reviewed the bids for the new pumper for the fire department. They recommend the bid be awarded to E-One, 4760 Camp Rd., Hamburg, for the bids of \$557,644.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

RALPH GALANTI-FIRE CHIEF

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Noman to award contract to E-One

Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Iafallo

Carried 5-0

City Attorney request the council waive the rules for the following ordinance

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Surdyke to receive and file, act on ordinance

Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Iafallo

Carried 5-0

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, OF THE CITY OF LACKAWANNA
MUNICIPAL CODE**

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Lackawanna, New York that City Code Chapter 31-20 be amended by removing the following sentence:

“Upon reestablishing residency, an individual having so resigned may apply for reinstatement to his or her former position and shall be reinstated if the position is vacant.”

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Surdyke to adopt ordinance as written
Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Iafallo

Carried 5-0

Communications from Citizens:

MLK Day Parade

11. To: City Council

On behalf of the NAACP, the Glover Gardens Tenant Council and the African American Community, we are requesting permission from this honorable body to permit the first Annual Martin Luther King Day Parade. The parade will be held on MLK Day, January 21, 2018. The parade will start from the old Friendship House site walking west on Ridge Road to Wasson ending up at 2nd Baptist Church where we will continue with the celebration there.

The actual start time will be provided in the very near future as the program is fine tuned. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

JOHN INGRAM

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Noman to approve request, refer to Director of Public Safety and DPW Commissioner

Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Iafallo

Carried 5-0

Business Registrations:

(1.) Robert DeBlasi, Sr. DBA Basil’s Barber Shop-2741 South Park Avenue

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Schultz to approve business registration

Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Iafallo

Carried 5-0

Mohamed Abir, DBA Xpress Smoke Shop (retail sales of tobacco/vapor cigarettes), 1234 Abbott Road (Plaza)

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Noman to approve business registration

Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Iafallo

Carried 5-0

Adjournment:

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Surdyke meeting adjourned

Yeas: Noman, Schultz, Jaworski, Surdyke, Iafallo

Carried 5-0

Annette Iafallo-Council President

Jeffrey P. DePasquale- City Clerk